

FBA STATE S&E/JAZZ/AUXILIARY MPA - 2026

Instructions/Information Bulletin

North: March 16-17, 2026

Mantanzas High School (Host: Ryan Schulz)

3535 Pirate Nation Way, Palm Coast, FL 32137

Central: March 18-19, 2026

Seminole High School (Host: PL Malcolm)

2701 Ridgewood Ave., Sanford, FL 32773

South: March 20-21, 2026

Wellington Community High School (Host: Nickolaus Hofmann)

2101 Greenview Shores Blvd., Wellington, FL 33414

Collier Auxiliary: March 24, 2026

Palmetto Ridge High School (Host: Annabelle Robinson)

(Only Collier County)

1655 Victory Lane, Naples, FL 34120

North-West: March 28, 2026

Florida State University School (Host: Amanda Griffis)

3000 School House Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32311

Eligibility

- 1. Students must be in grade 9 or higher to enter State S&E MPA.**
- High School students earning a Superior rating on a Grade V, VI or VII at the District level may enter, including solos, ensembles (chamber winds, choirs, percussion, jazz combos, and auxiliary).
- A maximum of four solo/ensemble events are allowed **per student**.
- Auxiliary events should see separate Information Bulletin on the FBA website.
- Seventh and eighth grade students **may not** participate in State Solo-Ensemble events (FSMA Rules and Regulations 2.7).

Entry Instructions [READ CAREFULLY!!] [READ CAREFULLY!!]

- 1. YOUR ENTRY IS NOT VALID UNTIL ALL PAPERWORK & PAYMENT IS RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW (10.e.).** Entry Forms may be emailed to emails listed below #13.
- Entering your events into MPA Online is the **FIRST** step. Ask for help from your District Chairman if you need assistance. This will be the same process you used for your District S&E MPA.
- After entering your events in MPA Online, print out the **ENTRY FORM** (this is the form which you and your principal must sign).
- If entering **Auxiliary** events, you must complete #3 above for that specific event (i.e. print out the **ENTRY FORM** for the Auxiliary events you've entered).
- If entering **Jazz Band** events, you must complete #3 above for that specific event (i.e. print out the **ENTRY FORM** for the Jazz event(s) you've entered).
- Return to MPA Online and print out your **ASSESSMENT FORM. This is required.** Check the assessment form for accuracy.
- Prepare a check to cover your **TOTAL** assessment (made out to: Florida Bandmasters Association) or use the link for On-Line Credit Card payment found on the Invoice in MPA.
 - School checks, Band Booster checks, and Money Orders are accepted.
 - Personal checks are NOT accepted.**
- If you are mailing your paperwork and payment AFTER the **published DEADLINE** (see below), be sure to include the one-time **\$100.00 late fee**.
- If you miss entering your events into MPA Online before the DEADLINE, you will automatically be locked out of MPA Online. You must contact **Cindy Berry** to gain access to the program (email address below).
- 10. DO NOT allow ANYONE ELSE to mail your paperwork!!! NOT your bookkeeper---NOT your Band Parents---NOT your spouse. DO IT YOURSELF!!!! THIS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM!**
 - We understand that some school districts do not allow teachers to handle checks and that the bookkeeper must mail the payment themselves.
 - If you must let the bookkeeper mail your payment, make sure he/she knows that if it is mailed past the deadline date for your District it will cost your school a \$100.00 late fee.
 - If you do allow your bookkeeper to mail your payment, **DO THIS→ Make a copy of your ENTRY FORMS and your ASSESSMENT FORM and email them to Cindy Berry with a note explaining that your bookkeeper will be sending the payment.**

d. Make sure the bookkeeper mails your payment and paperwork to **Cindy Berry, NOT your District Chairman and NOT to Neil Jenkins!!!!** Failure to do this could cost you \$100.00.

e. **IF MAILED, MAKE SURE YOU TELL YOUR BOOKKEEPER THAT YOUR PAYMENT AND PAPERWORK MUST BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**
CINDY BERRY, P.O. BOX 350591 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33335

11. **NOTE, NOTE, NOTE:** If you enter events in MPA Online, but fail to send in the paperwork and payment for those entries, **you are still responsible for paying for those entries (Handbook page 12, Article III-C,5.a).** Therefore, if you enter events in MPA Online, and then decide not to attend, be certain to go back into MPA Online and delete your entries OR contact Cindy Berry so that she can delete the entries, BEFORE THE DEADLINE. **Once your events have been scheduled you are responsible for payment.**

12. **MARCH 2, 2026** is the absolute final deadline for entering the MPA. Paperwork/payments postmarked after that date will not be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS** This has caused severe consequences in the past, so do not let this happen to your students.

13. Mail your paperwork (entry forms, assessment form, payment) to:
Cindy Berry, P.O. Box 350591 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33335
Or Pay On-line by Credit Card

Scheduling Correspondence: The following emails will be used for Correspondence: You can Scan signed entry forms and email: North/Northwest Site: fbastatenorth@gmail.com, Central Site: fbastatecentral@gmail.com, South Site: fbastatesouth@gmail.com (Collier County Aux. - please use the South Site email)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Most Districts will have 13 days after the District S&E MPA to send in paperwork and payments (**Districts 1, 2, 9, 15, and 19 Jazz DO NOT HAVE 13 DAYS**). However, with a full 13 days to complete your paperwork and only **ONE deadline**, the late fee will be **\$100.00**. You can avoid this late fee with careful planning and communication.

DEADLINES for Paperwork and Payment:

NOTE: Jazz Dates are included within the District MPA Dates shown, unless indicated otherwise.

District #	District MPA Dates	Postmark Deadline to Mail Paperwork and Payments	Final Acceptance Deadline	Title Change Deadline
13, 16	Jan. 30-31	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Mar. 6
16 (Jazz)	Feb. 5-6	Feb. 19	Mar. 2	Mar. 6
5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 20, 21, 22	Feb. 4-7	Feb. 20	Mar. 2	Mar. 6
9 (Jazz), 11 (Jazz), 13 (Jazz)	Feb. 10-13	Feb. 26	Mar. 2	Mar. 6
3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 17, 18, 19, 23	Feb. 10-14	Feb. 27	Mar. 2	Mar. 6
19 (Jazz)	Feb. 18-19	Mar. 2	Mar. 2	Mar. 6
1, 2, 9, 15	Feb. 19-21	Mar. 2	Mar. 2	Mar. 6

STATE SITE ASSIGNMENTS

There are NO Site Assignments this year as all Sites are during the same Spring Break week. Keep in mind that Spring Break conflicts are not avoidable if we wish to use HS sites for this event. The Virtual option is available to everyone.

Entry Fees for this year:

Instrumental Solo: \$20.00

Instrumental Ensemble: \$10.00 per individual in ensemble

Auxiliary Solo: \$30.00

Auxiliary Ensemble: \$100.00

Jazz Band: \$250.00 plus \$30.00 recording fee.

